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Letter dated 2 August 2002 from the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly

1. At present 18 Member States are in arrears under the terms of Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations, which states:

> "A Member of the United Nations which is in arrears in the payment of its financial contributions to the Organization shall have no vote in the General Assembly if the amount of its arrears equals or exceeds the amount of the contributions due from it for the preceding two full years. The General Assembly may, nevertheless, permit such a Member to vote if it is satisfied that the failure to pay is due to conditions beyond the control of the Member."

2. The minimum payments necessary to reduce the amounts owed by those Member States on their contributions so that they remain below the gross amount assessed for the preceding two full years (2000 and 2001) are as follows:

Member State	*Minimum payment (United States dollars)*
Burundi	46 241.00
Central African Republic	297 005.00
Chad	11 012.00
Comoros	720 641.00
Georgia	6 728 087.00
Guinea-Bissau	435 841.00
Iraq	12 301 621.00
Kyrgyzstan	201 915.00
Liberia	1 066,571.00
Mauritania	11 334.00
Niger	326 686.00
Republic of Moldova	2 425 281.00
Sao Tome and Principe	566 241.00
Seychelles	1 270.00
Somalia	967 541.00
Tajikistan	1 813 594.35
Uzbekistan	988 133.00
Vanuatu	5 941.00

(*Signed*) Kofi **Annan**
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